

possibility of marriage with higher Kol groups. It is not at all unlikely that the name is not the title of a *kurhi*, but rather of a type of Kol who, though he may belong to any *kurhi*, uses the above occasions for making a little extra money. One informant assured us that Kulmangans were really Rautiyas. 564

10. *Swasaha*. The word probably is a corruption of *swasaha*, meaning self-reliant, independent. When the word is applied to Kols the inference is that they do not follow the Hinduized customs of most of their tribe in regard to the calling in of the Brahmin priest, the *sai*, and the *dhobi*. All these matters are cared for by some member of their own community, usually one of the elderly persons. We came across one who claimed to be a *Swasaha*, but as a group they were never found. Some evidence was found which would indicate that this is not a distinct *kurhi*, but is rather something remaining from earlier times. If any family or group is independent of the *pandit*, *sai* or *dhobi* in weddings and the like, they may be called *Swasahas*. We found evidence which leads us to believe that there are *Swasaha* Rautiyas. The lower *kurhis* are probably mostly of the *swasaha* type. Nevertheless most of the Kols believe and claim that this is a distinct *kurhi*. [184] [793] [487]

11. *Bhumiya*. The word literally means 'born from the land' or 'aboriginal.' It is also a title of the Bharias, a Munda tribe residing in large numbers in the Jubbulpore district. At present the Bharias are usually associated with the Gonds and are probably very much intermixed with them as the number of names and sub-divisions would indicate. We were unable to elicit any definite information from the Kols about this *kurhi* save that Bhumiya may sleep either on beds or on the ground. This same title is also found among the Baigas and the Korjus, and the Gonds have a subdivision of this name. *Bhumiya* and *Bhuiya* are synonyms. [171]

In connection with the Kols the name may have arisen as a nickname, or a title given to Kols who held land. Certain tribes and some Hindus are said to employ the term *Bhuiya* as the equivalent for *Zamindar*.¹ There are thus Bhumiya by tribe and also by title. Roy has written a book on the Hill Bhuiyas of Orissa.² They are also Mundas and in view of this fact it is not strange that some Kols should either bear the title of *Bhumiya* or belong to the *Bhumiya kurhi*. A *Bhuiya* subcaste bears the name of Rautadi, which is not far removed from Rautiya. [513]

12. *Murha*. Russell and Hiralal state that this is a caste of

¹ Ibid. Vol. II, p. 308.

² Roy, S. C., *The Hill Bhuiyas of Orissa*, 1935.